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Subject: FW: Planning notification for application reference: 21/01323/DISC

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Sent: 11 June 2021 10:02

To: Planning < Planning@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Planning notification for application reference: 21/01323/DISC

Dear Sir or Madam,

The applicant has submitted a written scheme of investigation from Orion Heritage for the archaeological mitigation of the site. We were not asked to advise on this required mitigation and although we were sent a copy of the WSI for our comment this scheme was also submitted for formal discharge at the same time. This WSI was therefore not agreed with us prior to this discharge application.

This mitigation WSI is not an appropriate scheme and we would not recommend the discharge of condition 13 at this stage.

A revised WSI will need to be submitted taking into account our comments below before we should recommend that this condition had been met.

It would be advisable for the applicants archaeological consultant to contact us to agree the scope of the required mitigation and the WSI before a revised version is submitted as part of this discharge application.

1.7 the plan included in the WSI does not show the mitigation area. A separate plan has now been provided to us outside of the planning system showing the proposed mitigation area. This mitigation area is not acceptable and omits a number of areas of archaeological interest.

The area of proposed mitigation will need to be revised and will need to include the whole proposed development area including the areas that were not available for trenching dues to overhead power lines and areas of proposed tree planting and allotments.

Once agreed a plan showing the areas of proposed mitigation will need to be included in the WSI itself and not provided as a separate document outside of the planning system.

1.8 The roots for the new tree planting on site will extend beyond the 500mm of topsoil and subsoil and this area will need to be included in any mitigation areas.

Tr 9 was excavated in an area where the geophysical survey showed the linear feature to be less clear, there are clearer results across this area however, indicating further features in the southern area of the site, which were not subject to archaeological trenching. We therefore cannot agree that the evaluation demonstrates these do not survive and this area will need to be included in any agreed mitigation area.

- 1.9 the mitigation area will need to be agreed and set out in this WSI before we can accept it as appropriate.
- 1.12 this contingency area is not sufficient, and a larger area of contingency will need to be agreed and set out in any revised WSI.
- 1.15 the mitigation area will only need to investigate areas which will be disturbed by the development. If the root protection measures prevent any below ground disturbance from the development, then these areas would not require any archaeological mitigation. If below ground disturbance associated with the development is proposed in these areas, then they will need to be subject to archaeological mitigation. This will need to be made clear in the WSI and reference to any root protection measures.
- 3.2 see above for 1.12
- 3.4 see above for 1.8 and 1.9

Regards

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